

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Fifth Grade
2015-2016**

Non-Fiction Books

Burgan, Michael. *The Titanic: Truth and Rumors*

Are all the stories about the Titanic true? Find out, and learn how to tell the difference between fact and fiction.

Bryant, Jennifer. *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*

A picture book biography of Peter Mark Roget, the creator of Roget's Thesaurus, one of the most widely used reference books ever published.

Christensen, Bonnie. *I, Galileo*

Galileo gave us the telescope, the microscope, and the idea of a sun-centric solar system. He was a man who insisted on his right to pursue the truth, no matter what the cost.

***Cool Careers Series* (Various authors)**

This series introduces readers to the skills, tasks, and expectations of pursuing a career in a wide range of fields. Titles include: *Surgical Technologist, Musician, Meteorologist, Video Game Designer*, and many others.

Fleming, Thomas. *Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won America's Freedom*

This book explores the variety of people who participated in the Revolutionary War, including immigrants from all over the world, African-Americans, Native Americans, and women.

Goodman, Susan. *How Do You Burp in Space? And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know*

What does it take to go into space? Find advice for future space tourists on what they can bring into space, the sights they could see, and how they will have to eat, drink, and sleep in zero gravity.

Kerley, Barbara. *Those Rebels, John and Tom*

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were different in many ways, but they shared a devotion to their country. Learn how these two opposite personalities came together to help the Continental Congress reach consensus and produce the Declaration of Independence.

Lewis, J. Patrick. *Edgar Allan Poe's Pie: Math Puzzlers in Classic Poems*

Is this poetry? Math? A brainteaser? Yes! It's all that and more. Poet J. Patrick Lewis has re-imagined classic poems such as Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" and Langston Hughes's "April Rain Song" and added a dash of math.

Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*

Beautifully illustrated, this book examines the history of the United States, focusing on events that influenced African Americans and how they advanced liberty and justice in America.

Nelson, S. D. *Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story*

Drawing on Buffalo Bird Girl's historic personal accounts, this biography tells her story of growing up American Indian on the Great Plains in the 1800s.

Roth, Susan. *Parrots over Puerto Rico*

This combined history of the Puerto Rican parrot and the island of Puerto Rico, highlights current efforts to save the Puerto Rican parrot by protecting and managing this endangered species.

Smith, David. *If...A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers*

If the Solar System's planets were shrunk down to the size of sports balls, and Earth were the size of a baseball, what size would the other planets be? This question and more are explored in this innovative and visually appealing book about very big concepts made accessible when scaled down to kid-friendly size.

Fiction Books

Buyea, Rob. *Because of Mr. Terupt*

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

Davies, Jaqueline. *The Lemonade War*

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade. As the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello), but finds that come morning he must work with friends and solve puzzles in order to escape.

Holm, Jennifer. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Jeter, Derek. *The Contract*

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, eight-year-old Derek Jeter, who dreams of playing for the New York Yankees, learns what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

Myers, Walter Dean. *The Journal of Joshua Loper: A Black Cowboy*

Myers writes about an African American boy's struggles with his first cattle drive in 1871 and the racial prejudices of the day.

Patterson, James. *House of Robots*

Fifth-grader Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez struggles to fit in when his inventor mother requires him to take her latest creation, a robotic 'brother,' to school with him to learn to become a student.

Rodda, Emily. *Maze of the Beast*

The evil Shadow Lord has become aware that Lief, Barda, and Jasmine are searching for the seven lost gems of the magic Belt of Deltora. He knows that the Belt's power will threaten his terrifying rule if the gems can be returned to it.

Scattergood, Augusta. *Glory Be*

A Mississippi town in 1964 gets riled when tempers flare at the segregated public pool. Augusta Scattergood has drawn on real-life events to create a memorable novel about family, friendship, and choices that aren't always easy.

Wallace, Rick. *The Ball Hogs*

Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.

Winkler, Henry. *Zero to Hero*

When Billy Broccoli moves into his new house, he discovers Hoover Porterhouse, a teenage ghost, is haunting his room. Hoover helps Billy get in style, stand up to bullies, and conquer his new school.